GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:390
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2002
MID-DAY MEAL SCHEME
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that foodgrains supplied by FCIGodowns for Mid-Day-Meal Scheme was of inferior quality;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received from various States regarding students falling sick after consmption of Mid-Day-Meals supplied in schools, State-wise; and

(c) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b)&(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)&(c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.390 DUE FOR ANSWE 09-08-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): During the last one year two complaints were received from the State Governments in this regard.

(b): In one of the cases, some school children complained of indigestion and stomach problems after taking `Ghughri`. During enquires, it was found that the wheat supplied for the preparation of `Ghughri` was of good quality, but the problem arose due to other reasons.

(c): Foodgrains conforming to the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act standards aredistributed under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes.The State Governments are free to inspect the stocks of foodgrains and satisfy themselves about their quality before lifting the same from the Food Corporation of India (FCI) depots.